



MEDIA RELEASE

Domestic Disturbance Leads to Arrest for Intimidating a Witness Suspect Threatens to Harm Victim's Dog

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Nicholas Allen Enns, age 34, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for intimidating a witness by threat of force or violence and burglary, both felonies, and resisting or delaying an officer, a misdemeanor. Enns threatened to harm the victim's dog if she called the police.

On October 19, 2012, at 12:32 a.m., SBPD Officer Aaron Denbrook and Officer Brock Maudlin responded to a call of a domestic disturbance at an apartment on the 2500 block of Orella Street. When Officer Denbrook and Officer Maudlin arrived the disturbance was still taking place. When they announced their presence the suspect, Enns, fled on foot. He ran for a distance of approximately two blocks, stopping when he was told he was going to be shot with a Taser. He was initially arrested for resisting or delaying an officer. Once Enns was in custody the officers continued with their investigation into the domestic disturbance.

Investigation indicates that Enns is the ex-boyfriend of the victim, a 30-year old woman. When the incident occurred Enns appeared at the victim's doorstep with the intention of spending the night. The victim told Enns that he was not welcome in her residence because he was drunk. She told him that he needed to leave and go home, and then shut and locked her front door. Enns became angry and yelled at the victim. Instead of leaving he went to the side of the victim's apartment and tried to gain entry through the bedroom window. The victim tried to prevent Enns from climbing through the window, however he overpowered her and gained entry. The victim then told Enns that she was going to call the police and fled to a neighbor's apartment. Enns grabbed the victim's dog, a miniature pinscher, and walked outside with it. He confronted the victim outside of her neighbor's apartment and while holding the dog with a hand around its neck, threatened to break the dog's neck if she called the police. The victim pleaded with Enns to not hurt her dog. Enns continued to threaten to do so until he was able to snatch the victim's cell phone from her hand. Enns put down the dog when Officer Denbrook and Officer Maudlin arrived on scene.

Enns provided a brief statement to Officer Denbrook. He stated that his intention for entering the victim's apartment was to look for his cell phone and that he ran from the police because he knew he was in trouble. He said that he didn't really want to hurt the dog.

Enns was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$100,000.00. Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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